

**COLORADO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
683-4333**

Riverfront Commission

**Minutes
September 15, 2009**

Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:25pm by co-chair John Gormley. Those present from the Commission were:

John Gormley	Dennis DeVore	Ken Henry
Katie Steele	Brian Meinhart	Gust Panos
Reg Price	Kathy Herzog	

Also present Brad Taylor, Paul Peck, Paul Darr and Michele Rohrbach.

Did introductions around the room.

Approval – Kathy/Katie. Motion passed.

Announcements – RFC office will be closed on October 12th.

New Business – There was no new business.

Old Business – There was no old business.

Updates

Fruita Master Trail Plan – Next hearing is 10/20. Ken gave Brian a brief history of what the plan is.

Fruita Bridge – second pier will be repaired in December. Someone new with the Historical Society will be over to review.

GOCO project update – John gave Brian history of the GOCO grant.

BLM Resource Plan – Paul said they will include riverfront trail corridor.
Katie S. is interested in getting in on process to get on CNA Board.

Robb River Rally –Great weather, good turn out by booth participants, low turnout by public.
Chevron gave \$5,000 grant and spent \$1,500. Tillie asked about another \$5,000 for next year.

Discussed DVD and copyright.

Speakers Bureau/PR – Kathy talked about signup sheet, talking points and Jim’s vision. She will work with John on the talking points and then email to RFC members.

KAFM – Bennett out of town.

Riverfront-Right-of-Way – Dennis gave history of County’s push to connect Grand Junction to Fruita. County has hired an acquisition person (formerly with CDOT). Tom Fisher taking lead. Letter sent to CDOT for planning grant. CDOT emailed stating need a letter from CDOT saying will work with Mesa County. If completed – 8 miles will be added from Jr. Service League boat ramp to Colorado Welcome Center in Fruita.

Ken said he met with president of IIG and they will be annexing into City – ¾ miles of trail (Big Salt Wash). Brad suggested Ken get the right-of-way consultants together to make sure all together on deal.

Map – Dennis talked about map and desire for new photo. Dave Dawson was able to resurrect map. Had two sponsors last time. Chris Brown will do again. Kelley Burford no. Selected three photos (1st, 2nd and 3rd choice) for front of new map.

Committee Reports

UTC – Paul gave history of what UTC is. Have four new members two months ago. Lots of energy for bicycling – commuting cyclists complain that drivers here are rude and City doesn’t sweep bike lanes. John added his experience of Tour the Valley. He submitted his comments along the Blue Heron Trail. He did hear back from City regarding his complaint.

Partners - Meeting this morning. Paul gave overview to Manger of Ouray and ? out of Utah. Discussed parcel and will probably need to have easement on part of parcel. They were going to go back and review old documents. Very positive.

Paul talked about his conversation with Tina Romero with DOW. They are very interested in Fruita section.

Patty Gelatt would like a meeting with her office, BOR, etc. regarding the Fruita section.

Public Comment – Brad said he talked with Dan Johnson with Chevron regarding property that they own. He added that the RFF may need to contact the new principal at Bookcliff Middle School about the program. (Terri Smalta).

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.